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ABDULLAH MANNA' EDITOR-PUBLISHER OF JIDDA WEEKLY IQRA' CALLED
FOR A NEW HANDLING OF ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM:

"THE NEW AMERICAN HANDLING OF THE PROBLEM SHOULD START
WITH THE "ORIGIN" OF THE DISPUTE RATHER THAN ITS OUTLOOK
AFTER 1967. THE TEARFUL MESSAGE DR. KISSINGER SENT TO
THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE SAVOY HOTEL INCIDENT
HAS AROUSED MANY QUERIES AND COMMENTS. WE DON'T SHARE
DR. KISSINGER'S VIEW THAT HUMANITARIANISM IS OF DOUBLE
STANDARD AND THAT IT IS ONE THING WHEN IT RELATES TO THE
PALESTINIANS, AND ANOTHER THING WHEN IT RELATES TO THE
ISREALIS. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK: WHERE WERE DR. KISSINGER'S
HUMANITARIAN FEELINGS WHEN ISRAEL SWEPT THROUGH BEIRUT AIR-
PORT AND DAMAGED ALL THE CIVILIAN PLANES PARKED THERE; OR WHEN
ISRAEL TOOK TO BEIRUT STREETS IN PURSUIT IN 1972 AND
ASSASSINATED KAMAL NASSER AND KAMAL ADWAN; OR WHEN THE
ISRAELI PLANES INTERCEPTED THE LIBYAN CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT
AND SHOT IT DOWN WITH ITS 100 CIVILIAN INNOCENT PASSENGERS.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PURPOSES, THE PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS,
THOUGH THE SAVOY HOTEL OPERATION, AIMED AT EMPHATICALLY TELL-
ING DR. KISSINGER THAT ANY STAGE BY STAGE, PARTIAL OR
COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION IN WHICH THE PALESTINIANS ARE NOT A
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PART, WOULD BE A FRAGILE SOLUTION WHICH MAY SUSTAIN FOR A

PERIOD OF TIME, BUT NOT FOR GOOD, AND THAT THE AMERICAN HAND-
LING OF THE PROBLEM SHOULD START WITH THE ORIGIN OF THE
DISPUTE, NOT WITH ITS IMAGE AS IT CAME TO BE AFTER 1967. LET
ME SUM UP MY POINT USING AN AMERICAN WAY OF ARGUMENT. IF
WALT DISNEY WOULD PRESENT TO THE CHILDREN ONE OF HIS FANCY
CARTOON STORIES WHERE A BRIGAND WOULD TAKE HOLD BY FORCE,
OF THE HOUSES ADJACENT TO HIS OWN HOUSE AND IN THE COURT
HE WOULD TELL THE JUDGE THAT HE DID THIS FOR ONE REASON,
THAT "I AM AFRAID THEY MIGHT SEIZE MY OWN HOUSE", AND WHOULD
THE JUDGE BE CONVINCED OF THE THIEF'S PRETENSES AND THE
LEGITIMACY OF HIS ACTION, THE CHILDREN WOULD STONE DISNEY
AND WOULD BOYCOTT HIS STORIES."
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